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Initial. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 805A, Mr. President, by the Appropriations Committee. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President. I've already explained LB 805A. Fifty thousand dollars from the General Fund, \$50,000 from a cash fund, in this case the Severance Tax Fund, over the two years, to Legislative Council to conduct the study.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Discussion on LB 805A. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Me?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Coordsen. Yes, you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. Thank you. Just very briefly, how the study will operate from the practical standpoint. We've developed a pattern in several studies that were done between the Exec Board on behalf of Legislative Council and the Natural Resources Committee, and the pattern of the conduct of the study is that the Chair of the Urban Affairs Committee and the Chair of the Exec Board will in fact investigate the people to do the study, select the people to do the study jointly. The Urban Affairs Committee Chair will monitor the study, and we will sign off concurrently on both the contract and the payments made under the terms of the contract after that comes into being. So there's a dual safety on the use of study monies that we've developed here in the Legislature as part of our process. And I would add to that that after the advancement of LB 805A, there's a motion to adjourn for the evening. I want to thank you on behalf of the Speaker for your attentiveness to the responsibilities of the Legislature this evening. We've done good work, and we will meet on the morrow again. So with that, I would encourage your support of the advancement of LB 805A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wehrbein to close. Senator Wehrbein waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 805A be advanced to E & R